

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2169**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Gilmore**

February 18, 2010

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An act to amend Section 2157 of the Elections Code, relating to voter registration.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2169, as introduced, Gilmore. Voter registration: requirements.

Existing law sets forth the procedures for registering to vote and processing voter registration information and requires the Secretary of State to adopt regulations that prescribe the form of the voter's affidavit of registration.

This bill would make a nonsubstantive change to these provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1     SECTION 1. Section 2157 of the Elections Code is amended  
2     to read:  
3     2157. (a) Subject to this chapter, the affidavit of registration  
4     shall be in a form prescribed by regulations adopted by the  
5     Secretary of State. The affidavit shall *comply with all of the*  
6     *following*:  
7         (1) Contain the information prescribed in Section 2150.  
8         (2) Be sufficiently uniform among the separate counties to allow  
9     for the processing and use by one county of an affidavit completed  
10    in another county.

1 (3) Allow for the inclusion of informational language to meet  
2 the specific needs of that county, including, but not limited to, the  
3 return address of the elections official in that county, and a  
4 telephone number at which a voter can obtain elections information  
5 in that county.

6 (4) Be included on one portion of a multipart card, to be known  
7 as a voter registration card, the other portions of which shall include  
8 information sufficient to facilitate completion and mailing of the  
9 affidavit. The affidavit portion of the multipart card shall be  
10 numbered according to regulations adopted by the Secretary of  
11 State. For purposes of facilitating the distribution of voter  
12 registration cards as provided in Section 2158, there shall be  
13 attached to the affidavit portion a receipt. The receipt shall be  
14 separated from the body of the affidavit by a perforated line.

15 (5) Contain, in a type size and color of ink that is clearly  
16 distinguishable from surrounding text, a statement identical or  
17 substantially similar to the following:

18 “Certain voters facing life-threatening situations may qualify  
19 for confidential voter status. For more information, please contact  
20 the Secretary of State’s Safe At Home program or visit the  
21 Secretary of State’s Web site at [www.ss.ca.gov](http://www.ss.ca.gov).”

22 (6) Contain, in a type size and color of ink that is clearly  
23 distinguishable from surrounding text, a statement that the use of  
24 voter registration information for commercial purposes is a  
25 misdemeanor pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 2194, and any  
26 suspected misuse shall be reported to the Secretary of State.

27 (7) Contain a toll-free fraud hotline telephone number  
28 maintained by the Secretary of State that the public may use to  
29 report suspected fraudulent activity concerning misuse of voter  
30 registration information.

31 (8) Be returnable to the county elections official as a  
32 self-enclosed mailer with postage prepaid by the Secretary of State.

33 (b) Nothing contained in this division shall prevent the use of  
34 voter registration cards and affidavits of registration in existence  
35 on the effective date of this section and produced pursuant to  
36 regulations of the Secretary of State, and all references to voter  
37 registration cards and affidavits in this division shall be applied to  
38 the existing voter registration cards and affidavits of registration.

39 (c) The Secretary of State may continue to supply existing  
40 affidavits of registration prior to printing new or revised forms

1 that reflect the changes required pursuant to this section, Section  
2 2150, or Section 2160.

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